

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Forrest Mandeville, on January 26, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Frank Garner (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Karjala (D)  
Rep. A. Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Webber (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 271, 1/18/2017; HB 279, 1/18/2017

**HEARING ON HB 271**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:05 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 271, An act establishing the honor and remember medallion for military service.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:05 Joe Foster, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a02\)](#)

00:05:59 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

00:06:58 Roger Hagan, American Legion of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:08:03 Joe Warren, Gold Star Families

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a03\)](#)

00:20:18 David Williamson, Self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:30 Rep. Skees

00:25:55 Rep. Cook

00:26:05 Rep. Custer

00:26:33 Rep. Cook

00:27:08 Rep. McKamey

00:27:26 Rep. Cook

00:27:40 Rep. McKamey

00:27:43 Joe Foster, DMA

00:32:52 Chair Mandeville

00:33:04 Rep. Greef

00:33:28 Rep. Cook

00:33:47 Rep. Greef

00:34:05 Rep. Cook

00:34:16 Rep. Webb

00:34:36 Rep. Cook

00:35:43 Rep. Bennett

00:36:32 Joe Foster, DMA

00:38:58 Rep. Bennett

00:39:37 Joe Foster, DMA

00:40:11 Rep. Staffanson

00:40:56 Joe Foster, DMA

00:42:59 Chair Mandeville

00:43:07 Rep. Price

00:43:48 Joe Foster, DMA

00:45:59 Rep. Bachmeier

00:46:12 Rep. Cook

00:46:20 Rep. Bachmeier

00:46:30 Joe Warren, Gold Star Families  
 00:47:32 Rep. Skees  
 00:48:09 Joe Foster, DMA  
 00:49:19 Rep. Skees  
 00:49:37 Joe Foster, DMA  
 00:50:01 Rep. Skees  
 00:50:27 Joe Foster, DMA  
 00:50:56 Rep. Skees  
 00:51:25 Joe Foster, DMA  
 00:54:02 Rep. Staffanson  
 00:54:25 Joe Foster, DMA  
 00:54:43 Rep. Webber joined the meeting  
 00:55:10 Rep. Webb  
 00:55:34 Joe Foster, DMA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:57:32 Rep. Cook

**HEARING ON HB 279**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:58:55 Rep. Adam Rosendale (R), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 279, Revise period of retention for unclaimed veteran remains.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:59:53 Roger Hagan, American Legion of Montana  
 01:01:14 Jim Brown, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)  
 01:03:52 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(sth19a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

01:06:20 Joe Foster, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:06:55 Rep. Staffanson  
 01:07:29 Gary White, American Legion of Montana  
 01:08:02 Jim Brown, MFDA  
 01:09:14 Rep. Hayman  
 01:10:24 Jim Brown, MFDA  
 01:13:56 Rep. Bennett  
 01:14:33 Jim Brown, MFDA  
 01:14:53 Rep. Bennett  
 01:15:32 Rep. Rosendale  
 01:16:20 Rep. McKamey  
 01:17:09 Joe Foster, DMA  
 01:19:05 Rep. Price  
 01:19:27 Joe Foster, DMA  
 01:19:56 Rep. Price

01:20:50 Joe Foster, DMA  
01:22:03 Rep. Price  
01:22:15 Rep. Staffanson  
01:22:36 Joe Foster, DMA  
01:23:01 Rep. Sales  
01:23:11 Joe Foster, DMA  
01:25:11 Chair Mandeville  
01:25:29 Jim Brown, MFDA  
01:27:16 Chair Mandeville  
01:27:24 Jim Brown, MFDA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:27:46 Rep. Rosendale

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:29:42

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth19aad.pdf](#))**